Transport of paddy and rice.

11. *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any restriction for taking paddy and rice from one taluk to another;

(*b*) if so, the reasons for such a restriction;

(*c*) whether permits are given by the District Magistrates without delay; and

(*d*) the action taken by the District Magistrates before such permits are issued?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes; with respect to the forthcoming harvest.

(*b*) To facilitate purchase of surplus stock from the producing centres.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The *bona fides* of the applications is enquired into.

Transport of paddy and rice from one taluk to another.

12. *MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have issued orders prohibiting transport of paddy and rice from one taluk to another without permission from the Division Peishkar of the District; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether it will not handicap the land-owners, to transport their lease amount from one taluk where the field lies to another taluk where they reside?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

Travelling by the State Transport Bus.

13. *MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any non-official member of the Legislature has been given a free pass for travelling by the State Transport Bus?

MR. E. G. SALTER (*Director of Transport*): Yes. To members of the Transport Advisory Committee.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know why and at whose instance these free passes are given to the members of the Advisory Committee?

MR. E. G. SALTER: They are given to the members of the Advisory Committee to enable them to acquaint themselves with the conditions prevailing on the roads and that they may better be enabled to submit constructive suggestions for improvement.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether the members of the Committee are allowed Travelling Allowance for attending the meetings of the Committee?

MR. E. G. SALTER: Yes.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether there are meetings of the Committee for the preparation of the agenda of the meeting?

MR. E. G. SALTER: That does not arise.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether Travelling Allowance is given to the members when they attend the meeting for the preparation of the agenda?

MR. E. G. SALTER: No, Sir.

Appendix.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 9.**

COMMUNIQUE.

Government have, for some time past, been noticing an abnormal tendency on the part of the public for the absorption of the small coins of the State. This is evident from the following figures of absorption during the three years 1113, 1115 and 1117 :—

	Silver coins to the face value of	*Copper coins to the face value of*
	Rs.	Rs.
1113 ...	75,099	4,731
1115 ...	4,76,115	20,157
1117 ...	12,95,815	3,49,542

Though the Government are fully alive to the fact that there is bound to be a reasonable increase in small coin requirements due to the increased economic activity at present, it cannot be to such an abnormal extent as evidenced by the above figures. Such abnormal absorption naturally leads to the irresistible inference of the hoarding of these small coins, thereby tending to prevent their free circulation. It also discloses to a certain extent a desire for the exploitation of the present situation by certain individuals with a view to profiteering. As such hoarding of small coins is likely to paralyse business of all kinds, Government wish to invite the co-operation of the public so as to prevent the accumulation of such coins in a few hands. Government alone may not be completely able to help the free circulation of coins, so very essential for the economic prosperity of the people and are doing their best to supply small coins to a large extent. Out of Rs. 55 lakhs worth of small coins issued till now, nearly Rs. 12 lakhs of coins were minted and issued in 1117 alone. Arrangements have been made to mint and issue as much coins as possible during this year. Local manufacture of copper blanks and minting has also recently been started and the new coins are being issued from 25th Dhanu 1118. Government look to the public and the Press to do all that is necessary and possible to prevent the hoarding of the coins. Government also wish to draw the attention of all concerned to the fact that under Rule 90 of the Defence of Travancore Rules, the acquiring of coins in excess of minimum personal or business requirements and dealings in small coin at other than the face value is illegal and punishable.

Huzur Cutcherry,
Trivandrum, 11th January 1943.

A. LAKSHMINARAYANA AYYAR,
Financial Secretary to Government.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly